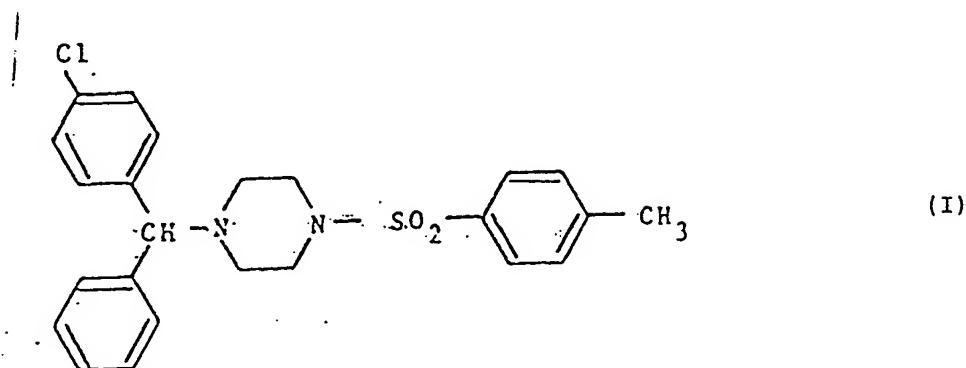


ABSTRACT

Levorotatory and dextrorotatory enantiomers of  
1-[(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]-4-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]piperazine of

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their preparation and use for the preparation of substantially optically pure  
enantiomers of 1-[(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]piperazine, which are

15 themselves valuable intermediate products for the preparation of optically  
active therapeutic compounds having a very high degree of optical purity.